

Answers Update

A welcome letter from Dr Monty White...

Dear Friends,

I love being involved in ministry - going to churches and telling people about our Creator God who became our Saviour. Your prayerful and financial support enables our speakers to do this. Can I urge you to look at our website and see where we are ministering and if we are in your area, can I encourage you to attend? If not, then please pray for the various events as we need the Lord's help and blessing. Thank you.

Although most of our meetings take place in mainstream churches (of all denominations), we do from time to time reach the ethnic minorities. Let me share some of these with you.



A couple of months ago, I was ministering at a Punjabi speaking church about race issues and I was translated into Punjabi. I included the caste issue in this talk as this is an important matter among those people from India. We need to be aware that when we reach these people with our message of salvation we have to take into account their cultural traditions and have to teach them lovingly and caringly what the scriptures teach and what cultural traditions they need to discard. We must also be aware of the social consequences of their becoming Christians - often they are ostracised by their families.

It was a most moving experience being at this meeting. The singing (in Punjabi, of course) was accompanied by two young boys playing drums (see photograph). As I listened, the Lord reminded me that I did not have to travel to India to minister to Indian people - there are many people of Indian origin in this country, to whom we can take our message. Another thrilling thing about this meeting was that there was a young woman present who is compiling a Punjabi dictionary of biblical terms (including those used in our creation talks). I had no idea that there is no word for "Trinity" in Punjabi so they have to use the names of three Hindu gods in order to portray this concept. This alone shows the great need for such a dictionary so that the true meaning of the Bible can be taught to these folk.



The other Sunday, I ministered to a church congregation that was totally international - it included people from India, Pakistan, Africa (Nigeria, the Ivory Coast, the Cameroons as well as other African countries), England and even Wales! Many of the African people spoke French, so I was able to give out copies of our *Dinosaurs and the Bible* booklet that had been translated into the French language. The costs of translating and printing this booklet are met by gifts from our supporters and we are grateful for such gifts and the opportunities we have to use such literature.

As I ministered to these two congregations, I was reminded that this is what heaven will be like, for the Lord has redeemed people by his blood "out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" just as the Bible declares in Revelation 6:9.

Finally, I want to share with you the joy I have in speaking at what the organiser calls a "School of Evangelism". The organiser is an enthusiastic Christian who gets other Christians (about 15 to 20) to go out with him onto the streets of a major city late on Friday and Saturday nights to preach the gospel to those who are leaving the pubs and clubs. Many of these people are students and guess what their argument against believing the Bible is? Yes, it's evolution! So often they tell the Christians that science (or evolution) has disproved the Bible and so there's no God and consequently they have no hope. I meet with these Christians once a year and teach them a little about how they can use the creation message in order to evangelise on our city streets in the early hours of the morning. Please pray for this Christian and his co-workers as they seek to reach the lost via creation evangelism.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Dr Monty White, CEO, *Answers in Genesis* (UK/Europe)

Yorkshire Creation Conference

It was the second time that AiG-UK had held a House Party weekend at the Brockley Hall Christian Holiday Centre, at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, North Yorkshire. The theme of this conference was "Genesis and..." Paul Taylor gave an opening introduction to the weekend and he was followed by Dr Robin Greer, who talked on the subject "Genesis and its Relevance". This talk ensured that the groundwork for the weekend had been set.

The first talk of the morning was from Paul Taylor. This talk, "Genesis and Evolution", was based on his new book *Truth Lies and Science Education*. In this talk, he showed how the ideas of science and science teaching had developed over the years, through Western philosophies of separation of church and state. Too many parents assume that their children's schools are the same as when they attended, when in fact, they have changed out of all recognition. Parents need to be aware that there are even some things taught in science lessons which are not correct, because they are taught from a viewpoint which deliberately excludes God.



We were then joined by Professor Andy McIntosh, one of AiG's Associate Speakers. His talk, "Genesis and Intelligent Design", analysed the use of ID arguments to back up our biblical case. Though Andy emphasised that our reasons for accepting creation are on our presupposition of the inerrancy of scripture, he argued that our position is enhanced by using many of the arguments of Intelligent Design. This is a much better way of using Intelligent Design arguments than to use them by themselves, as by themselves, they do not lead to salvation.

There was no formal programme on the Saturday afternoon, but about a quarter of the delegates stayed to hear Paul Taylor outline the work of *Answers in Genesis*, followed by "Genesis and Music" - a half-talk/half-concert, performed by Paul Taylor. Many other delegates took advantage of the beautiful weather, to enjoy some of the local scenery.

After the evening meal, Robin spoke on "Genesis and the Universe". This sort of talk always leaves us in awe at what God has done, as we saw images of the vastness and beauty of the universe. Robin brought the subject round to our spreading of the Gospel, making sure that we realised that the God who made the expanse of the universe stepped into history in the person of Jesus Christ, to take our sins upon the cross.



Following a short break, Paul spoke on "Genesis and the Flood". Arguments against the possibility of a worldwide flood were examined and found wanting. The Flood was seen to be the most satisfactory explanation for the fossil record and for geological features, such as Siccar Point. Finally, Paul emphasised that the Ark was the means of salvation for Noah, who was saved because he "found grace in the eyes of the Lord". We saw how the account of Noah and the Flood points us both to the Gospel, and to the fact of the coming judgment, together with the need for salvation.

On Sunday morning, we had a time of worship together. We sang a couple of hymns, and our intercessions were led by Rev. Ian McNaughton, the chairman of the Board of Directors of AiG-UK. Shelagh Bladon - a trained

soprano - sang two biblical songs for us. Following our time of worship, Robin spoke to us on the theme of "Genesis and the Gospel", emphasising again the importance of including Genesis and creation in our account of the Gospel.

The final session, before an excellent Sunday lunch, was led by Paul, who talked on the subject of "Genesis and a Plan for Action". Paul used the session to emphasise that the human race has not evolved, but that we are all descended from Adam and Eve.

As materials and equipment were being packed up, the informal feedback from people suggested that a good time had been had by all. The weekend was an enjoyable time of good fellowship (and good food!) and learning what God has to say about creation and about society. We trust that the delegates will now be able to put these ideas into practice, encouraging their church leaders, and themselves spreading the Gospel more effectively.

Make sure that you don't miss the next conference we are holding, which will be in South Wales at the end of March 2008. The main speaker will be Ken Ham. Contact the Ministry Section for details, on 0116 270 4871.

New Member of Staff

On April 23rd, Gavin Taylor joined the staff of *Answers in Genesis (UK/Europe)*. Gavin has taken on a part-time role in the General Office.

Gavin was brought up in a Christian home and committed his life to the Lord in his early teens. Peer pressure and the anti-biblical teaching that Gavin experienced at school meant that it was not long before he backslid. However, he says that the Lord never gave up on him-despite his failing Him on many occasions.

He eventually came to realise that, without putting God first, his life was going nowhere and had no purpose. Gavin recommitted his life to the Lord some 15 years ago. Very soon after this the Lord brought him together with Louise, a good friend he had known for some years. They were married within five months of getting engaged.

Gavin and Louise now have four children, ranging in ages from 16 months to 10 years, and whom they are educating at home using a Christ-centred, Biblical curriculum and many AiG resources.

The home education of their children is a very important part of Gavin's Christian life and testimony. Its importance to him is born out of his own experience of the damage that can be caused to a young Christian's walk by attending a state school, where evolutionary teaching pervades and the pressure to conform is immense. His prayer and his vision is that all their children will grow up 'in the nurture and admonition of the Lord' (Ephesians 6:4) and will be effective witnesses for Him.



Farewell to Joe

Our Media and Publications Assistant, Joe Burrows, has now left us for pastures new. In his short time with us, Joe has changed the public face and image of *Answers in Genesis (UK/Europe)* beyond all recognition. We are so grateful to God for Joe's time with us and for his many talents. Joe leaves with our blessing and our prayers, and we would ask all readers to pray for Joe as he seeks God's leading in his life. Joe has been the creative talent behind the *Answers Updates* and we hope to be able to continue using his beautiful photographs from time to time.

Answers Update Online

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Genesis TV

In the April edition of this publication we informed you of a new television channel from Revelation TV called Genesis TV which is broadcasting some of our teaching DVDs. At the time of writing, this channel has only been broadcasting for a couple of weeks but staff in our General Office have already reported a good number of people contacting them as a result of seeing our programmes. The calls have generally been from people who are new to the ministry of *Answers in Genesis* and have been thrilled by what they have learnt, eager to have more information sent to them about our work. One lady, a retired mid-wife, called us after seeing David Menton's talk, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*, and was astounded by how much new information she took in and wished this talk could be shown to all mid-wives! Please pray that these programmes will continue to reach many more people with the awesome news of our Creator and Saviour.

Ministry Calendar

(MW - Dr Monty White / PT - Paul Taylor / RG - Dr Robin Greer / KH - Ken Ham)

Friday 8 June, 7.30pm, Creation Weekend, St Peters Church, Halliwell, Bolton. *PT* 01204 849059

Saturday 9 June, 7.30pm, Creation Weekend, St Peters Church, Halliwell, Bolton. *PT* 01204 849059

Saturday 9 June, 3.00pm, 4.30pm and 6.30pm, Reading Celebration Church, Southcote Christian Mission, 280A Southcote Lane, Southcote, Reading. *RG* 0118 959 4773

Sunday 10 June, 10.30am, 6.30pm, Creation Weekend, St Peters Church, Halliwell, Bolton. *PT* 01204 849059

Friday 15 June, 8.00pm, Hephzibah in Marlow, Marlow C of E Infant School, Sandygate Road, Marlow, Buckinghamshire. *RG* 01494 764913

Monday 18 June, 8.00pm, The Storehouse Pentecostal Church, Orchard Baptist Church Building, 23 Blackheath, Mersea Road, Colchester, Essex. *PT* 01787 222587

Friday 22 June, 6.00pm, Young People's Meeting, Oulton Broad Free Presbyterian Church, 114-120 Victoria Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Suffolk. *MW* 01502 515172/07910383682

Saturday 23 June, 2.30pm, 4.30pm and 6.40pm, Oulton Broad Free Presbyterian Church, 114-120 Victoria Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Suffolk. *MW* 01502 515172/07910383682

Sunday 24 June, 11.00am, 6.30pm, The Bridge Christian Fellowship, 54 Bridge Lane, London. *RG* 020 84451451

Saturday 7 July, 4.00pm and 6.30pm, Stanway Evangelical Church, Chapel Road, Stanway, Colchester, Essex. *MW* 01206 230084

Sunday 8 July, 10.30am, International Baptist Church, Eindhoven, Netherlands, *PT* 0116 270 4871

Ken Ham's tour of Scotland 2007

Wednesday 29 August, 7.30pm + **Thursday 30 August**, 7.30pm, Stornoway Town Hall, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis. *KH* 01851 700 298/820317

Friday 31 August, 7.30pm, Culduthel Christian Centre, Culduthel Avenue, Inverness, Scotland. *KH* 01667 493 453

Saturday 1 September, 6.00pm + 8.00pm, Gardenstown Parish Church, The Green, Gardenstown, Banff, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. *KH* 07968 025 759

Sunday 2 September, 11.00am, Bethesda Evangelical Church, Manse Street, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. *KH* 07968 025 759

Sunday 2 September, 3.30pm, 6.00pm + 7.45pm, The Leisure Centre, North Links, Seaforth Street, Fraserburgh, Scotland. *KH* 07968 025 759

Monday 3 September, 7.30pm, Gilcomston South Church, Union Street/Summer Street, Aberdeen, Scotland. *KH* 01224 326 795

Tuesday 4 September, 7.00pm, Perth Christian Centre, 28 Glasgow Road, Perth, Scotland. *KH* 01738 639 792

Wednesday 5 September, 7.00pm, Carrubbers Church Centre, 65 High Street, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh, Scotland. *KH* 0131 556 2626 (NB Tickets are required for this event)

Thursday 6 September, 7.30pm, Dowanvale Free Church of Scotland, 35 Dowanhill Street, Glasgow, Scotland. *KH* 0141 959 4982